

and he has made his Draughts for the Payment thereof, which will be answered: But the Parties of *Indians* come so fast upon him, and Mr. *Johnson* to be fitted out for this Service, that what they will receive from this Government, will be a very inconsiderable Part of what they are under Engagements for; and these Gentlemen seem to apprehend, that there is great Danger of their being ruined, and the common Cause suffer the greatest Damage that we can conceive of, unless they be relieved from these Governments. Our new Assembly for this Province are now met, and having taken these Matters under Consideration, have voted 4000*l.* Old Tenor, to be put into the Hands of Col. *Stoddard*, to be employed in this Service; which, together with 3000*l.* before remitted to him in Goods, being added to the many Presents which this Government have made to those *Indians* since the Beginning of the War, may justly be esteemed to large a Proportion of the Charge necessary, in the most effectual Manner, to encourage the Six Nations to prosecute this War, that if the other Governments in *North America* would grant proportionable Sums for the same Service. 'Tis highly probable that the success of these Attempts would more than answer our Expence; it being the most likely Method to weaken and distress the *French* at present, and to make way for the Reduction of *Canada*, whatever it may be attempted. This I write to your Honour at the Request of our General Assembly (who are much concerned to have this Affair succeed), as well as from my own earnest Desire to promote a Service, in which I think his Majesty's Interest, and the Safety of his Subjects in these Colonies, is so deeply concerned: And therefore I must pray your Honour to lay this Matter before your Assembly, and to use your Influence for bringing them to join with us in promoting this Matter.

I am, with great Regard,  
SIR, Your Honour's most obedient, humble Servant,  
W. SHIRLEY.

— *Extract of a Letter from Col. John Stoddard, to Governor Shirley, dated May 13, 1747.*

I Send you the Letter I lately received from *Albany*, by which your Excellency will perceive that the Six Nations are thoroughly engaged, and that most of them, together with some others of their Allies, are likely to join in our Service. I think with your Excellency and the Council, that the encouraging these *Indians* is a Thing of great Importance; the several Governments have been endeavouring for near three Years past, to persuade those Tribes into a War, wherein they had not any Concern, but to serve their Friends; and they seem generally got into it, and have left their Hunting and other Means of living, and exposed themselves and Families for our Sakes; and can we expect they should fight for us, and devote themselves to that Service, and we suffer them to starve? Can we expect that they go a Warfare for us at their own Charge, or can we expect that Col. *Johnson* and Mr. *Lidius* should pay the Reckoning? They have taken a great deal of Pains to get the *Indians* into the War, and have effected more than the Governments did in a course of Years; and can it be thought that they should spend all their Substance in rewarding the *Indians* for their Service? It will cost them about 600 or 700*l.* to fit out 100 Men for War (in *York Money*), as may be seen by *Lidius's* Letter of *March 26*; and how many Hundred will soon be out, and how many Times they will go out this Summer, others can guess as well as I. To let the Design drop, now we have a hopeful Prospect of distressing our Enemy, would be fatal; for the *Indians* may well say, as they often suspected beforehand, that our Design was to get them into the War, and then leave them in the Lurch; and then we should fail of their Assistance, and no wonder if they should reconcile themselves to the *French*, which they would be glad of, and then take part with the *French* against us: For the *Indians* are of such an Honour, that if we deal justly and kindly by them, they will put their Lives in our Hands; but if we deal decently with them, that will soon raise an Abhorrence of us. Col. *Johnson* and Mr. *Lidius* are now under a Necessity of going forward, and fitting out the *Indians* so long as they have any Substance remaining; and when that is gone, the Affair will be at an End. Therefore I see no Way but for the several Governments to send Supplies of Money or Goods, to enable those Gentlemen to carry on the War; I think it altogether just, that the several Governments do contribute towards the Charge, and doubt not but several of them would cheerfully agree to it upon proper Application being made to them; and 'tis probable that the Money so expended would do us twenty Times as much Service, as what we have heretofore expended in the War. Were it in my Power, I would send 1000*l.* in our *New England* Bills, or in suitable Goods to those Gentlemen for their present Necessity; this would revive their drooping Spirits (which they are full of Expectations of being undone), and would greatly animate the *Indians*: Such Causes ought not to be starved for want of a little Oyl to keep the Wheels in motion.

Examined for J. WILLARD, Secretary.

*The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

WEDNESDAY Morning, June 24, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.  
The Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, A Supplementary Act, to the Act, entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, and other Slaves, &c*  
And the Bill, entituled, *An Act, continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, &c* were severally read the second Time, and will pass; and were sent to the Upper House, by Col. *Hall*, and Mr. *Sullivan*.

An engrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act Enabling and Requiring the Clerk of Baltimore*